

Transportation czar keeps 'em moving

When important people visit, Pete Vasquez gets them where they're going

By Lori Keith

Who do all the President's men count on for transportation when they come to JSC? Pedro "Pete" Vasquez, that's who.

Vasquez oversees all operations for the vehicle fleet and shuttle bus service. That means supporting visits by dignitaries from ambassadors to kings, important government program officials from presidential and congressional staffers to top NASA managers, and astronauts and their families.

Vasquez works in Bldg. 419 for the Center Operations Directorate's Transportation Branch, which is responsible for all ground transportation for the people at JSC, and for special event transportation at the center.

During the interview, he's busy scheduling transportation for the crew return of the latest mission, STS-86, from Ellington Field. A lot of what he does revolves around scheduling and coordinating events. He's one of two group leads for the branch.

"We provide transportation for the astronaut's families going to and from the launch, and for special and foreign dignitaries who visit the center," he said. When the President comes, Vasquez's office arranges transportation for White House staffers traveling with him. "It keeps us pretty busy."

His office also is responsible for maintaining the Special Purpose Mobile Equipment, such as front-end loaders, forklifts, cranes, tractors, trailers, motorized carts, lawnmowers—just about anything else with a motor. About half of these have been turned over to the Base Operations Support Services contractor. "We have about 50 pieces of equipment that we still maintain, or are responsible for the replacements, when the time comes."

During the past three years, the fleet has been cut in half, mostly because of the BOSS contract. This makes scheduling a bit more difficult.

Vasquez's customers are vocal in their praise. Trudy Davis, astronaut affairs coordinator, has worked with Vasquez for years, coordinating trans-

portation for the flight crew's families.

"He's awesome. I can always depend on him," Davis said. "If he says he'll do something, it's done. I don't have to worry about it anymore."

Vasquez did the scheduling and coordination of shuttle buses for Inspection 97. "This is one of our biggest activities," he said. "I will have about 13 commercial leased buses to transport visitors and employees during the three days. An additional 10 buses will bring about 500 visitors from the Adams Mark Hotel."

Vasquez has worked for NASA since 1968. His first assignment at JSC was in the Telecommunications Section. During that time, he began going to Alvin Community College, and then to the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, he explains, "I've been here so long it's hard to say. I guess the people I work with and the environment. I've been fortunate to have good supervisors and flexibility."



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Pete Vasquez stands before one of the many conveyances his office maintains and schedules in support of JSC activities.

People on the Move

Human Resources reports the following personnel changes as of November 8:

Additions to the Workforce

Debra Bailey joins the Ascent/Descent Dynamics Branch in the Mission Operations Directorate as a flight controller.

Joyce Hayes joins the Mechanical, Booster, and Maintenance Crew Systems Branch in the Mission Operations Directorate as a flight controller.

Mark Scroggins joins the Information Systems Directorate as an archivist.

Dom Apisa joins the Facility Development Division in the Center Operations Directorate as a facilities engineer.

Promotions

Jose Garcia was selected as a senior contract price/cost analyst in the Business Systems Office.

Reassignments Between Directorates

Pete Gillette moves from the Information Systems Directorate to the Engineering Directorate.

Alicia Moore moves from the Space Shuttle Program Office to the Engineering Directorate.

Bob Beckham moves from the Engineering Directorate to the Information Systems Directorate.

Resignations

Liese Dall-Bauman of the Engineering Directorate.

Doug Lee of the Engineering Directorate.

Nancy Smith of the Engineering Directorate.

Honeycutt returns as Lockheed president

Longtime JSC employee and former Kennedy Space Center Director Jay Honeycutt has been appointed president of Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems and Services in Houston.

Honeycutt retired in March 1997 from NASA.

Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems and Services is a high-tech engineering and science services firm that employs more than 5,000 employees, the majority working in the Clear Lake area. Services to NASA-JSC include software and hardware engineering for the space shuttle and space station; Mission Control systems design, development and implementation; and human life sciences support. It has contracts with other NASA centers.

"We are extremely pleased to

have a man of Jay Honeycutt's background and capabilities to lead this business," said Mike Camardo, president of Lockheed Martin Technology Services Group.



Honeycutt

space program will play a crucial role in helping our customers meet their future space mission challenges."

A winner of two NASA Exceptional Service Medals and two NASA Outstanding Leadership

While at JSC, Honeycutt served as technical assistant to the associate administrator of space flight at NASA Headquarters, and as deputy manager of the National Space Transportation System Program Office.

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Medals, Honeycutt began his government career at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., as an engineer in 1960. He transferred to NASA-JSC in 1966, where he served in various progressive positions in the Apollo and shuttle programs.

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Exchange Stores offer holiday photo processing bargain

Just in time for those Thanksgiving snapshots, JSC's Exchange Stores once again will offer a special photo processing bargain for one week.

To take advantage of the Dec. 1-5 special, employees need only drop off their film at the Bldg. 3 or 11 Exchange Stores.

The special discount prices will allow employees to process their

film and receive prints at the rates:

- \$2.99 for 3-inch double prints from 12, 15, 24, or 36 exposure color rolls.
- \$3.99 for 4 inch double prints for 12, 15, 24, or 36 exposure color rolls.

In addition, employees who turn in their film for processing will receive a discount on the purchase of another roll of film.

The special discount prices are effective for everything *except* black and white, panoramic, half frames or advanced photo systems processing.

The photo processing service is provided to the JSC Exchange by Fuji TruColor, Dallas.

For details, contact the Bldg. 3 Exchange Store at x37362, or the Bldg. 11 Exchange Store at x35749.

Dates & Data

Nov. 21

Museum presentation: Texas Energy Museum presents "Mars Life and Exploration" Space Science and Technology Lecture Series, 5 p.m. Nov. 21 at Texas Energy Museum, 600 Main Street, Beaumont. JSC's Dr. Mike Duke will speak on "Mars Exploration." For details, call 833-5100, 880-8186 or 880-8237.

Nov. 25

Grand rounds: November Space Medicine Grand Rounds will present Dr. Victor Convertino, chief of the Physiology Research Branch at the Armstrong Laboratory, Brooks Air Force Base at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. Convertino will discuss "Alterations in the Mechanisms of Normal Blood Pressure Regulation Caused by Microgravity." The presentation is sponsored by UTMB/JSC Aerospace Medicine Residency Program, UTMB's Center for Aerospace Medicine and Physiology, and USRA's Division of Space Life Sciences. For details, call Kay Nute at 244-2019.

Nov. 26

Astronomy seminar: The JSC

Astronomy Club will meet at noon Nov. 26 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. An open discussion meeting is planned. For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

Spaceland Toastmasters meet: The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. Nov. 26 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For more information, call Jeannette Darcy at x45752.

Spaceteam Toastmasters meet: The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 26 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Patricia Blackwell at 281-282-4302 or Brian Collins at x35190.

Communicators meet: The Clear Lake Communicators will meet at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 26 at Lockheed Martin, 555 Forge River Road. For more information, contact Richard Lehman at 281-333-6004 or Melissa Sommers at 281-332-0698.

Dec. 2

AIAA meets: The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics's Education and Professional Development Committee will present a leadership seminar at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in Rm. 32C of the Lockheed Bldg., 2450 NASA Road

1. Bill Hartwell of Boeing's Russian Integration Group for the International Space Station, will discuss "Inspiration and Enrollment-Powerful Keys to Leadership." For reservations or more information, call Charles Halliman at 991-1654.

Dec. 3

Astronomy seminar: The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon Dec. 3 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. Jim Akkerman will discuss "Space: Earth Orbit Closer Than You Think!" For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

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Health Benefits Fair: The annual Health Benefits Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Bldg. 2 lobby. Representatives from more than 25 health care related providers will be present to discuss their plans and offerings. Employees, retirees, and spouses are invited. If additional information or assistance is needed call or visit Employee Services, Bldg. 45, Rm. 140, x32681.

Dec. 4

Warning System Test: The site-wide Employee Warning System will perform its monthly audio test at noon Dec. 4. For more information, call Bob Gaffney at x34249.

Dec. 9

Aero club meets: The Bay Area Aero Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Houston Gulf Airport clubhouse at 2750 FM 1266 in League City. For more information call Larry Hendrickson at x32050.

NPMA meets: The National Property Management Association will meet at 5 p.m. Dec. 9 at Robinette and Doyle Caterers, 216 Kirby in Seabrook. Dinner costs \$14. For details, call Sina Hawsey at x36582.

Dec 10.

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PSI meets: The Clear Lake/NASA Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Holiday Inn, NASA Road 1. Dinner costs \$13. For more information, call Elaine Kemp at x30556.